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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that; my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that I verily believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the invention entitled:

APPARATUS TO REDUCE BASE DRAG BEHIND BLUFF BODIES

the specification of which was filed by me on June 8, 2001 having Serial number 09/877,585, incorporating therein my two earlier provisional applications of the same title and having Serial Numbers 60/210325 filed on June 8, 2000 and 60/275059 filed on March 12, 2001, respectively.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by the accompanying amendment of even date herewith.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. 1.56(a).

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NONE

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

I hereby appoint Stanley R. Jones (Reg. No. 22,659) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, and I hereby direct the Patent Office to;

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